

## **Politically Exposed Persons and Enhanced Due Diligence**

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### **Customer Due Diligence (CDD)**

- Stage 1 IDENTIFICATION is establishing who your customer is.
  - Picture ID displaying full name
- Stage 2 VERIFICATION is proving who your customer is.
  - Other picture ID, proof of address, police record, bank statement

#### CDD (Cont'd) – Know Your Customer

- **KYC** is understanding:
  - Who your customer is
  - Where they are
  - What they do
  - Who they do it with
  - Why they are using your services
  - Why they are using your services now
  - What will their proposed activity look like

# KYC – (Cont'd)

- **KYC** is also understanding:
- -Is your customer politically exposed?
- —Does your customer pose any level of greater risk than other customers and why?
- —Is your customer a sanctioned individual or entity?
- One MUST be satisfied with a customer before taking on a business relationship

#### ID&V, KYC & Customer Due Diligence (CDD)

So, here comes the math!

ID + V + KYC = CDD

• Note: CDD must be ongoing

#### **Product/Service Risk**

- Is your customer tied to any unlawful groups or goods?
  - Smuggling, drug/human trafficking, ammunition
- Are the services you provide or requirements of your customer risky?
  - Bearer shares
  - Nominee Shareholding/Directorship
  - Complex transactions beyond your scope
  - Banking services
  - Shell companies

### **Country Risk**

- Examine country's FATF standing
- Has the country been cited for FATF non-compliance
  - High-risk and Non-cooperative Jurisdictions are posted on FATF website
  - Continuous monitoring needs to be done

# Politically Exposed Persons-(PEPs)

- A person who is/was a prominent public figure
- Ministers of Government; Permanent Secretaries and the like
- Who else?
  - Immediate family spouse, kids, parents, grandparents
  - close associates business partners, joint ownerships

## PEPs – (Cont'd)

- International standards requires ALL PEPs to be regarded as High Risk
- New FATF Legislation will cover local PEPs
- A register of ALL should be kept
- One must IDENTIFY and RE-VERIFY his customers
  - Name, marital status, address, nationality, date of birth

# Enhanced Due Diligence – (EDD)

- Board or Senior Management must approve
- Documents to include source of funds and source of wealth
- Enhanced monitoring
  - frequent reviews of transactions, periodic interviews
- Regular re-verification
  - Reports from independent experts

## **CDD/EDD Tools**

- Most business is done through third parties and non face-toface communication
  - Further increases risk
- Verification tools
  - Google
  - Google earth and maps
  - Social Networks
    - Linkedin, Facebook
  - Intelligence websites (Subscriptions)
    - World-Check, C6-Intelligence, LexisNexis

### **Helpful Reminders**

- Do not be afraid to ask questions
- Avoid tick boxing/rubber standing
- Follow your instincts
- Scrutinize contracts and other documents
- Look for what does not make sense
- Verification is continuous
- The risk lies with YOU